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SUBJECT: IAEA RECOMMENDATIONS ON PHYSICAL SECURITY

REF: VIENNA 6623, VIENNA 6837

1. REQUEST MISSION'S VIEWS SOONEST AS TO OPTIONAL COURSES
OF ACTION BOARD MIGHT TAKE ON PAPER IN SEPTEMBER THAT
WOULD REFLECT FORWARD MOTION WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT
BOARD'S ACTION NOT BINDING ON MEMBERS AND NOT NECESSARILY
PREJUDICIAL TO CONTINUED IAEA INVOLVEMENT IN THIS FIELD
IT OCCURS TO US THAT A POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION MIGHT BE ONE
IN WHICH BOARD NOTES AND WELCOMES EXPERT GROUP REPORT
FOR CONSIDERATION BY MEMBER STATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
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THEIR NATIONAL GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES IN THIS FIELD.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE IAEA PUBLISHED ITS FIRST GREY BOOK" WITHOUT BG APPROVAL AND THAT SOME STATES, INCLUDING FRANCE, ARE SENSITIVE TO NATIONAL PREROGATIVE IN THIS AREA AND ARE RELUCTANT TO SEE THE IAEA GET EXTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN THIS FIELD WITHOUT FURTHER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. OUR JUDGMENT, HOWEVER, THE ANTICIPATED GROWTH OF NUCLEAR POWER AND INCREASED GLOBAL CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE SUB-NATIONAL THREATS MAKES IT IMPORTANT FOR THE IAEA TO GIVE GREATER PRIORITY TO THIS PROBLEM AREA IN ITS FUTURE

DELIBERATIONS. THE REVISED "GREY BOOK" REFLECTS THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH MANY PARTICIPATING NATIONS VIEW THIS PROBLEM AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE OF THE BOARD FAILED, THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE ACTION, TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THIS VITAL PROBLEM AREA IN SEPTEMBER. CONVERSELY SOME APPROPRIATE BOARD ACTION AT THAT TIME OR ALTERNATIVELY IN FEBRUARY WOULD, IN OUR JUDGMENT, HELP ASSURE THAT THE PRESENT MOMENTUM FAVORING THE ADOPTION OF MORE STRINGENT STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IS PRESERVED. AS MISSION APPRECIATES, SOME ELEMENTS OF CONGRESS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY CRITICAL THAT THE IAEA HAS NOT BEEN MORE VISABLY ACTIVE IN THIS AREA. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT SOME FORM OF TIMELY BOARD ENDORSEMENT OR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXPERT REPORT WOULD GO VERY FAR IN HELPING TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THESE CRITICISMS.

3. RE: REFTEL VIENNA 6837. HAS DOCUMENT BEEN CIRCULATED TO BOARD? KISSINGER

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